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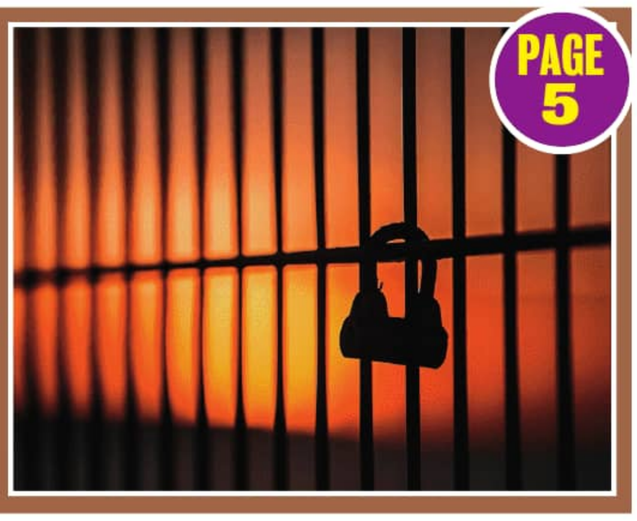

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Sources say Rs 10 crore was spent towards 30 tree-cutting teams that are supposed to work round-the-clock during emergencies. That seems a waste for citizens, commuters, who have to wait for hours, days or even months for tree debris to be cleared

LOG IN, NEVER LOG OUT

Even if team arrives and cuts fallen trees up, nobody comes to take branches or remnants away

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Residents of several areas across the city are troubled by the delay in clearing uprooted trees and fallen branches. The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Forest Department spends crores of rupees on teams engaged for tree cutting and removal of fallen trees in the city. But the results are nowhere to be seen as citizens complain that the Forest Department officers have failed to have any control on the teams that work as per their whims and fancies, while motorists and pedestrians suffer.

Consider the plight of a family in Rajajinagar, who had to stay trapped in their house for hours after a huge tree uprooted on to their building in Rajajinagar 4th Block on Wednesday night. The tree fall damaged a few cars and two buildings. Though residents of the area claim they informed the BBMP Forest Department, no tree cutting team or the rapid response team turned up till morning. "We informed the BBMP Forest Department about the tree fall on our building but no one arrived at the spot till morning," said Chandramma, a resident, adding that she and her family members could not come out of their home till morning.

It has become a routine for the tree cutting teams to arrive late to the spot on one or the other pretext. The residents complain that tree cutting teams demand money for clearing the fallen tree branches. "I have already complained to the BBMP Forest Department about the need to clear fallen tree branches at Domlur Layout. They promised to visit the spot but never turned up. Finally, I requested the workers engaged in collecting waste from door to door to clear the tree branches," said Shivakumar V, a resident of Domlur.

Expressing disgust over the inefficient and negligent tree cutting teams, a resident of Cambridge

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> **Currently, there is no provision to have a crane to remove a large fallen tree. The tree cutting team has to cut it into pieces and transport it to the designated location**
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> —BLG Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forests

It's raining drains

Data reveals city's drain network is 45% longer than its road stretches, showing what damage poor upkeep can do to good infra

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For every kilometre of road in Bengaluru, there is nearly one-and-a-half kilometres of drainage running alongside. According to data tabled in the Karnataka Legislative Council, the city has 1,647.54 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads but a significantly larger 2,394.41 km of stormwater drains, making the drainage network about 45 percent longer than the road network. The figures were disclosed by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar in response to a question raised by MLC N. Ravikumar.

The statistics underline the scale of Bengaluru's civic infrastructure challenge. While roads extend across 1,647 km, drains stretch nearly 2,400 km, reflecting the city's need for robust stormwater management in light of frequent flooding. Shivakumar clarified that the measurements cover only arterial and sub-arterial roads, which are under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)'s road infrastructure division.

The Deputy CM further revealed that out of the total roads mapped, 24 roads are flanked by drains on just one side, while 666 roads have drains running along both sides.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Unlimited books

Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru is all set to transport visitors into a boundless universe of stories, ideas, and creativity, where imagination breathes through every page, conversation, and corner through their upcoming 'The Big Bangalore Book Fest'. **Where: Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road; When: September 11 to 28**

02 Boundless music

Windmills presents an evening where Carnatic tradition meets the improvisational spirit of jazz and the raw soul of blues with 'Blues for Saraswathi' taking the audience on a journey across genres, moods, and traditions. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield; When: September 12 and 13, 7 pm (Seating begins at 6.30 pm)**

03 Sacred rhythm

Nrityangana Institute of Performing Arts is set to present the 2nd edition of its much-acclaimed festival 'Sampradaya – A Festival of Dance Traditions'. Steeped in tradition and creativity, the evening promises to bring alive the timeless essence of Indian classical dance, while weaving in the contemporary reflections of today. **Where: Seva Sadan, Malleshwaram; When: September 12, 6 pm**

04 Ethereal echoes

Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) is organising 'In Celestial Company', an exhibition featuring sculptures, textiles, brass figurines, paintings, chariots, and wooden artefacts where the oft-ignored celestial beings who accompany and carry the pantheon are the centrepiece. **Where: Museum of Art & Photography, Ashok Nagar; When: Opening September 13**

05 Melodious evening

Armaan Malik, known for his diverse range of music from romantic chartbusters to high energy hits, will be performing live, taking the audience on a melodious journey. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: September 13, 6 pm**

City witnesses sharp increase in flu cases

Doctors say otherwise healthy individuals without any comorbidities are also affected with high fever and persisting weakness, highlight rising incidents of hospitalisation in toddlers

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Health professionals in the city have reported a surge in flu cases among both children and adults. Hospitals are recording an increase in out-patient visits as well as admissions, with doctors attributing a new viral strain as the cause. While severe illness was previously observed mainly in patients with comorbidities, doctors note that in the current scenario, even otherwise healthy adults are falling ill, with some recording temperatures as high as 104°F.

Dr Haleema Yezdani, general physician, diabetologist and World Health Organisation (WHO) Fides health care influencer, said, "We are seeing healthy adults without comorbidities presenting with flu symptoms, including high-grade fever of 103–104°F, severe body and back pain, dehydration, and in some cases even loss of consciousness." Dr Yezdani said that with IV fluids, patients are recovering, but the level of dehydration is alarming.

Dr Yezdani highlighted that dry tongue, dry skin, and low blood pressure seem to be common in cases. She said that this viral strain appears to be more virulent than previous ones, as even healthy adults, who usually do not fall sick, are experiencing an acute phase lasting three to four days, followed by weakness for about a week. "We are providing symptomatic treatment, and antibiotics are considered if fever spikes continue. Good nutrition with soft, bland food and plenty of fruit is important," said Dr Yezdani, adding that people with comorbidities should take extra precautions, and a flu vaccine is strongly recommended.

Children under the age of two are also experiencing a high rate of hospitalisation due to Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and other influenza A and B infections. At Vani Vilas Hospital alone, September saw 56 admissions of children, most of them below two years, and nearly 450 OPD cases. "We have been seeing flu cases for the past two months, and are expecting it to continue until December. Most cases are due to influenza A, B, and RSV, and we are actively screening for them. We are seeing children with symptoms of cold, cough, and fever," said Dr Sahana Devadas, Professor and Head of Paediatrics, Vani Vilas Hospital, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), adding that over 80 per cent of the patients have persistent coughs that take time to resolve.

Dr Devadas said that children who are preterm, have congenital heart disease or asthma have a higher rate of hospital admission. Dr Devadas noted that there are multiple respiratory viruses circulating, and symptoms can persist for up to 14 days, especially in infants who have lower immunity. "Children going to kindergarten and school carry infection and spread it to infants including adults who go out to work or travel. We are seeing entire families becoming infected, as the infection spreads rapidly, just one sneeze is enough," said Dr Devadas. Elderly individuals who are unwell should avoid close contact with babies, suggested Dr Devadas. "After six months of age children can take the flu vaccine and it should not be missed, thereafter the flu vaccine should be taken yearly including adults," said Dr Devadas.

Amidst rising cases of illness, experts recommend staying vaccinated, wearing masks during public gatherings, practising strict hygiene, eating nutritious food, and staying hydrated

Health professionals noted that many patients continue to experience weakness even after recovery. Experts recommend staying well-hydrated, wearing a mask in social gatherings, practising proper hand hygiene, and maintaining a nutritious diet.

Karnataka tops in per capita income, yet 80% hold BPL cards

Karnataka, which ranks number one in the country in per capita income, is facing a paradox — more than 80 per cent of its people still possess Below Poverty Line (BPL) ration cards. Taking serious note of this irony, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday directed officials to immediately cancel ineligible cards and ensure that only deserving families receive the benefits. Chairing a food department review meeting, the CM lashed out at officials for failing to revise the list despite knowing that ineligible people continue to enjoy subsidies, while genuine beneficiaries are left waiting. He pointed out that other states have far fewer BPL cards and stressed that priority must be given to proper scrutiny, transparent distribution through GPS tracking, and prompt issue of cards to eligible families. He also flagged concerns of misuse in the Anna Bhagya rice scheme, where unused grain is being diverted illegally, and suggested adopting models from other states while supplying nutritious alternatives under the proposed 'Indira Kit'. **— BMB**

New waste transfer stations to streamline garbage management

In a bid to make garbage collection and transportation more efficient and hygienic, the BBMP has invited tenders to build 23 second-stage waste transfer stations across Bengaluru at a cost of Rs 255.42 crore. These facilities, to be developed in six packages, will act as scientific hubs where garbage collected from homes by auto tippers is transferred directly to compactors without spillage or leakage, reducing foul odour and preventing the creation of 'black spots' on city streets. Each unit will be built on 25,000 sq ft of land with a daily capacity of handling 260–265 metric tonnes of waste.

Transfer stations already functioning successfully in Ejipura, Chamrajpet, and Binny Mill Road have set the model, while those in Sarvagnanagar and Millers Road are under development. These new units will use GPS-enabled auto tippers, CCTV monitoring, and web-based tracking of routes and waste volumes. The waste will be compressed in capsule-like tanks, with separate containment for leachate, and then safely transported to processing plants. Locations identified for construction include Hebbal, Pulakeshinagar, CV Raman Nagar, Yelahanka, Dasarahalli, Jayanagar, Rajajinagar, and 14 other zones. **— BMB**

Russell Market redevelopment gets final shape, heritage to blend with modernity

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the long-awaited redevelopment of Shivajinagar's historic Russell Market has been finalised, and Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan has directed officials to expedite its implementation. During an inspection of development works in the Shivajinagar constituency, Cholan said the heritage market, built in 1927 in Indo-Saracenic style, will be given a modern facelift while preserving its iconic Gothic spires, arches, and domes. The redesigned market will prioritise smooth circulation, accessibility, and convenience for both traders and shoppers, along with modern amenities such as structured parking, sanitation, fire safety, drainage, waste segregation and composting, solar power, and rainwater harvesting.

The Commissioner also ordered a cleanliness drive in and around the market, strict enforcement on waste disposal by shops, and speedy desilting of stormwater drains. Other inspected works included the Hafeezia School project, Bharatinagar Community Hall, Poor House Hospital (to be developed jointly under 'Brand Bengaluru'), and a new waste transfer station near Queens Road. **— BMB**

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Man orchestrates property grab, uses goons to threaten mom

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) has registered a case against a man accused of cheating his own family out of prime real estate by forging documents and intimidating his mother with rowdy elements when she resisted.

According to the complaint, the fraud began in August 2021 when the complainant's father was bedridden. The complainant's son allegedly obtained his grandfather's signatures on blank papers under the pretext of submitting documents for hospital treatment. He also managed to take signatures from his younger brother and the grandfather's caretaker, citing the same reason.

Police said the son later used these papers to fabricate a gift deed for a 2,200 sq. ft. property in Frazer Town, allegedly in collusion with officials at the Sub-Registrar's office. The house was then sold to his father-in-law through a forged sale deed.

In another case, using the same modus operandi, the son allegedly usurped a 9,950 sq. ft. property in Pulakeshinagar, which he sold off to a businessman. Investigators said he even created fake sureties as signatories and produced a woman posing as his mother to validate the forged deed.

The fraud surfaced when, who holds the complainant, rightful share in the properties, confronted her son. The son allegedly unleashed rowdies to threaten her with dire consequences, which is when she approached the police. She also alleged that officials from Shivajinagar and Indiranagar Sub-Registrar offices colluded with her son to enable the illegal property transfers.

The accused, along with 11 associates, has been booked under charges of cheating, impersonation, forgery, and criminal intimidation under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). –BMB

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Drunk man booted out of Metro after sneaky clicks of women

Passengers call for stricter checks to prevent people to board trains in inebriated state

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Commuters on the Purple Line of Namma Metro swiftly intervened to force a drunk passenger to deboard at Halasuru station after he was allegedly found taking photographs of a woman on his mobile phone without her consent, on Wednesday. The incident, which occurred at around 5.51 pm, has raised renewed concerns about safety and security inside Bengaluru's metro system.

According to an eyewitness who shared details on X, the man appeared intoxicated and was spotted capturing images of a woman passenger during the journey. Noticing his inappropriate behaviour, fellow commuters immediately confronted him. With collective pressure, they ensured that he alighted at Halasuru station, preventing the situation from escalating further.

The witness also tagged the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), urging it to tighten vigilance against drunk passengers, and those spitting pan masala or engaging in nuisance behaviour inside metro coaches. The post quickly gained traction, with many users echoing similar concerns about passenger safety, particularly for women.

Though BMRCL has not yet released an official statement, the incident has sparked discussions about whether the existing surveillance and security protocols at metro stations are adequate. Currently, baggage checks and frisking are mandatory at station entry points, but monitoring intoxicated individuals or identifying potential offenders often proves difficult.

Regular commuters point out that such episodes, though not widespread, do occur occasionally and tend to disturb the otherwise orderly functioning of the city's metro network. "Most days, the metro is safe and reliable, but once in a while, you come across drunk passengers who create discomfort. It is important for BMRCL to be proactive so that women in particular feel completely secure," said Anusha R, a daily commuter on the Purple Line.

Urban transport experts also suggest that BMRCL could consider stricter screening mechanisms at entry points, including random breath checks during peak hours. "Metro services across the world maintain zero tolerance for alcohol-induced misbehaviour. Bengaluru could adopt stricter deterrents, such as fines or permanent bans for offenders," said a transport policy analyst.

While the metro is often seen as a safer alternative compared to buses or other modes of transport, incidents like this highlight the need for vigilance from both authorities and fellow passengers. Many social media users have praised the commuters on the Purple Line for stepping in swiftly and preventing potential harassment.

The incident also underscores the role of public awareness and solidarity in maintaining safe transit environments. "We cannot always depend on security personnel being present in the train. When passengers themselves take responsibility, it sends a strong signal that misbehaviour will not be tolerated," said Praveen K, another metro user.

Women passengers say BMRCL needs to be proactive to ensure safe commutes

Door malfunction causes 7-minute delay on Yellow Line

A technical issue involving door authorisation on a Yellow Line train led to a brief delay in services on Wednesday evening. The incident occurred at Jayadeva Metro Station at 6.41 pm, affecting a train bound for RV Road. The delay lasted till 6.48 pm, as metro staff resolved the issue. Normal operations resumed promptly after the problem was addressed. –BMB

Decomposed body found near apartments

Residents of a private apartment complex in Hosakerehalli were shocked after a decomposed body of a middle-aged man was discovered in a deserted area near the premises on Thursday.

According to police, the body appeared to have been lying at the spot for several days before it was noticed. The strong stench alerted residents, who informed the authorities. Girinagar police, along with the Scene of Crime Officers (SOCO) team, rushed to the location and conducted a spot inspection.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the deceased was a man in his 40s or 50s, but his identity has not yet been established. Police suspect that the death may have occurred days earlier. The body has been shifted for post-mortem examination to determine the cause of death. Police said they are verifying missing person complaints filed in the area to help trace the victim's identity. A case of unnatural death has been registered.

Man found murdered

An unidentified man was found murdered in Kempegowda Layout, Kenchanapura, on Thursday morning. According to police, the complainant, Mahimappa, 50, came across the body while he was on his way to deliver milk to the Kenchanapura dairy. Mahimappa observed injuries on the victim's face and forehead. BMB

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Pedestrians take a chance on road without speedbreakers

From unsafe crossing to sleepless nights, commuters near Rajajinagar Metro station have to brave it all as busy stretch does not have safeguard against speed devils

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Pedestrians have been facing serious difficulties while crossing Chord Road under the Rajajinagar Metro Station, with the absence of a proper scientific road hump making the task highly risky. People crossing from Ananya Hospital side towards Tata Motors Showroom side complain that it takes them anywhere between five to ten minutes to move across the road due to fast-moving vehicles. A proper scientific hump, as per guidelines, should be three meters wide with a central height of 10 cm, but that has not been provided here.

Residents point out that the road sees heavy vehicular movement throughout the day. In the absence of speed breakers, motorists rarely slow down to allow pedestrians a safe passage. Pedestrians say the situation becomes particularly dangerous for senior citizens, children, patients visiting the hospital, and women with infants. To address the immediate risk, they want the traffic police to depute a constable to help pedestrians cross safely during peak hours. While the traffic police and the now-defunct traffic engineering cell had ensured zebra crossings at the spot, residents say these remain ineffective since motorists ignore them.

"The need of the hour is to construct a scientifically designed hump for the benefit of hapless pedestrians. We have been complaining to the traffic police as well as the traffic engineering cell engineers for the last two years. They have not done anything concrete to fix the problem," said Girish Hiremath, a resident.

Incomplete road hump leaves pedestrians at risk of accidents

Hiremath, who has been actively pursuing the matter, said he posted videos multiple times to both the traffic engineering cell and the police, highlighting the issue. "A contractor was finally engaged to construct the hump scientifically. Unfortunately, the contractor only built it on one half of the road. When we insisted that the work be completed on the remaining portion, he instead constructed another short stump a few meters away on the Tata Motors Showroom side. This second hump has turned out to be useless," he said.

Residents explain that the second hump is redundant since it is in a place inaccessible to pedestrians due to an existing road divider. As a result, people continue struggling at the original crossing point with no relief in sight.

Another persistent source of harassment in the same location is the parking of private buses under the Metro Station at night. Residents of Deccan Comfort Apartments, which stands nearby, complain of constant disturbance between 10 pm and midnight when buses are halted there. "The parking of private buses was shifted here some years ago. We are unable to sleep due to continuous honking of shrill horns throughout the night," said Jagadendranath Heroor, a resident.

Echoing these sentiments, Shyamala Devagiri, an advocate and resident, said, "We have complained several times to the authorities, including traffic police, but the nuisance continues. Passengers waiting to board buses often urinate on the walls of our apartment, while the blaring horns are unbearable. We strongly demand relocation of this unauthorised bus stand."

Zebra crossings exist, but most motorists ignore these to zip past, blasting shrill horns. As traffic engineering cell is now defunct, commissioner has to step in to fix issue

When contacted, Deepa Neelappa Nittali, former assistant executive engineer of the now-defunct traffic engineering cell, clarified that the responsibility lies with the Bengaluru City West Corporation Commissioner. "With the Greater Bengaluru Authority coming into existence, the traffic engineering cell no longer operates. The concerned commissioner has to initiate road hump construction at Rajajinagar Metro Station," she said.

Joint action streamlines bus stop near Marathahalli

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For years, traffic at Spice Garden near Marathahalli Bridge has been a nightmare during peak hours. The main problem was buses stopping just before the bridge, instead of at the designated bus shelter located a few metres behind the U-turn. Passengers too had started waiting on the bridge itself, while the actual bus shelter was taken over by hawkers. This created massive traffic blocks for vehicles trying to take the U-turn from the service road towards Old Airport Road and into the city.

The issue affected thousands of commuters daily, especially residents of large apartment complexes in the area. "Over 1,000 to 2,000 cars from nearby apartments take this U-turn every day to reach the city. When buses stopped right at the bridge, it created chaos and long traffic jams," said Prabhu Patil, president of Rohan Vasantha Apartments.

Signboards and repaired lighting make the bus shelter safer for commuters

Taking matters into their own hands, residents decided to act. They formed a WhatsApp group with BMTC and traffic police officials to coordinate and monitor the situation. Volunteers educated commuters about waiting only at the bus shelter and requested BMTC drivers to halt at the designated spot. Even hawkers were asked to vacate so that passengers and buses could use the space effectively.

To make the bus stop safer and more accessible, residents also got in touch with the engineers and fixed the high-mast light near the shelter and put up signage boards. "The bus shelter had no proper lighting, which made it unsafe. We ensured the light was repaired and clear boards were placed so people know where to wait," said Patil.

Volunteers, traffic police officials, and BMTC Sarathi staff have begun monitoring the bus stop daily during peak hours—between 8 am and 11 am in the morning, and again in the evening. Their coordinated presence has ensured that BMTC buses now halt at the designated shelter. Earlier, the stop had been misused by taxi drivers parking in front of it, private buses blocking access, and hawkers turning the area into an eating joint. With stricter monitoring, such activities have been curbed, and only BMTC buses are now permitted to stop at the shelter.

"This is the second week since we started, and we are already seeing a lot of improvement. Traffic flow is smoother, and there is less chaos at the U-turn.

Since the traffic flow has become smoother, there is less honking leading to less noise pollution and better quality of life for the nearby residents.

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Show and tell

Basavanna Street

At Basavanna Street, JM Road Cross, Avenue Road, BWSSB laid sanitary pipes five years ago but never completed the work, leaving some sections covered with soil while others remain exposed.

Garbage hazard

Stephens Road

Garbage has been accumulating outside an enclave on Stephens Road for several days. Continuous rains have worsened the situation, creating a serious health risk in addition to being an eyesore.

Raising a stink

Maragondanahalli

A foul odour lingers around the Mother Theresa School, opposite SMK Party Hall on Maragondanahalli Main Road, due to garbage, making it difficult and unpleasant for pedestrians.

B'luru homebuyer gets compensation for mental agony

In a significant relief for homebuyers, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) has ordered a builder to pay Rs 2 lakh compensation to a resident of Bellandur, for the mental agony caused by a failed housing project. The complainant had invested Rs 32 lakh in a plot near Hoskote in 2022, but the project's development approval was later revoked, leaving her with both financial loss and emotional distress. K-RERA observed that while the trauma suffered by a homebuyer cannot be quantified, the hardship caused by unfulfilled promises must be acknowledged and compensated.

The order, passed by K-RERA's Maheshwari S Hiremath, directed the builder to return the Rs 32 lakh already paid, along with Rs 2 lakh compensation and Rs 7,000 in litigation costs within 60 days. If the builder fails to comply, an additional 2 per cent annual interest will be levied until payment is made. "Every individual dreams of owning a home and invests life savings and loans to achieve it. Developers cannot misuse such funds at will," the authority noted. The ruling is expected to boost the confidence of homebuyers in taking legal recourse against errant builders. **–BMB**

Foreign tenants under police scanner

In an ongoing crackdown on illegally residing foreign nationals, the Bengaluru police—led by the CCB and teams from 11 divisions—have registered cases against 60 house owners who rented out properties to foreigners without submitting mandatory details to the local police. Since 2022, legal action has been initiated against a total of 116 house owners for similar violations.

As per the law, landlords must sign a formal rental agreement with foreign tenants, collect their visa and passport details, and mandatorily report this information to the nearest police station. Failing to do so attracts penal provisions. Many of the cases stem from outer Bengaluru areas such as Sampigehalli, Kothanur, Bagaluru, Yelahanka, and Whitefield, where a higher concentration of unregistered foreign residents has been detected.

The police stated that several foreigners on medical, student, or business visas fail to submit the required 'C' Form to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) and local stations—despite it being a legal obligation. Authorities say the lure of high rent often tempts landlords to ignore the rules, making it harder for enforcement agencies to track foreign nationals. Officials confirmed that legal action is being pursued against unregistered foreign nationals and non-compliant landlords. **–BMB**

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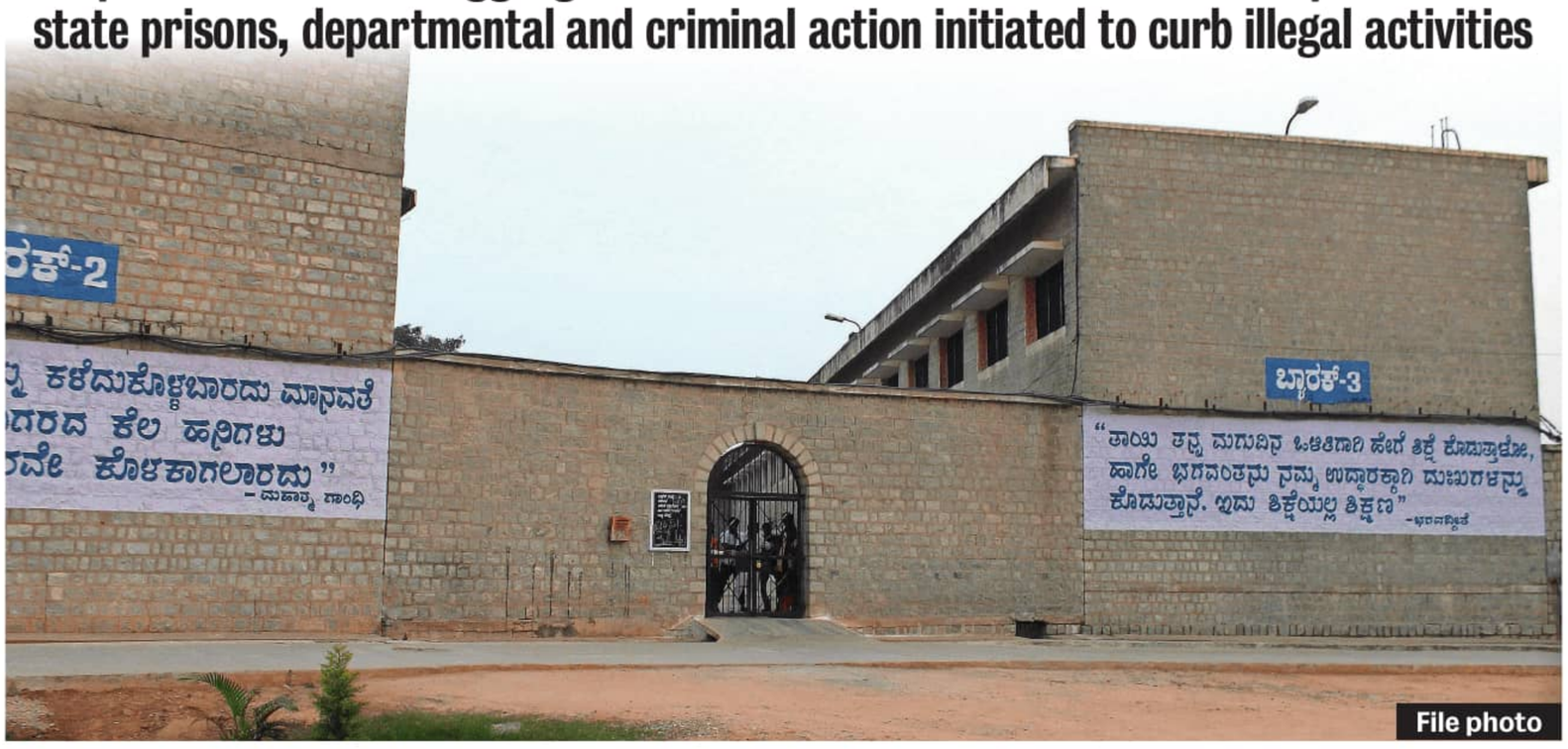
Tainted jail staff under scanner: Officials booked, probe widens

Inspections reveal smuggling of banned items and instances of corruption inside state prisons, departmental and criminal action initiated to curb illegal activities



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Karnataka's prison system has come under sharp scrutiny after revelations that several jail officials were directly involved in illegal activities and even linked to aiding terror suspects. Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara informed the Legislative Council that as many as 30 prison officials and staff have been booked in 15 cases for abetting smuggling of contraband and other misconduct inside jails.

All jails in state are under strict surveillance with routine checks, special monitoring mechanisms have also been strengthened for cases related to terrorism and organised crime, says Karnataka Home Minister

Contraband seized across prisons

Regular inspections by prison authorities and the police unearthed a variety of banned items, including mobile phones, accessories, cash, tobacco, and narcotics like ganja inside state jails. Since the enforcement of the Karnataka Prisons (Amendment) Act, 2022, a total of 269 cases have been registered between April 5, 2022, and July 31, 2025, under Section 42 of the Act. Detailed records of these seizures have been maintained prison-wise, the Minister said.

Officials facing action

The government admitted that corruption and collusion among prison staff are serious concerns. Out of the 15 cases where officials were implicated, 30 officers and employees across jails in Bengaluru, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Ballari, Dharwad, Davanagere, Mangaluru, and Huvinahadagali have faced departmental and criminal action. Disciplinary proceedings have also been initiated to prevent recurrence.

NIA angle: Terror links

The issue escalated after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) probe revealed that some individuals linked to state prisons had aided terror suspects. While the Home Minister clarified that no current serving prison officials are accused of terror links, he confirmed that a psychiatrist was arrested by the NIA on July 8, 2025. Additionally, a CAR personnel was arrested by the NIA in the same case. He has since been suspended by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (CAR Central) and is facing departmental inquiry.

Government's response

Dr Parameshwara assured that all jails in Karnataka are under strict surveillance with routine checks conducted by local police to curb illegal activities. Special monitoring mechanisms have been strengthened for cases related to terrorism and organised crime to prevent lapses.

Deepfake & more: 2 duped in investment scams

The city's cybercrime police are investigating two separate cases where individuals were duped of over Rs 5 crore through fraudulent investment schemes, one of which involved an AI-generated deepfake video of spiritual leader Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev.

In the first case, the East Division Cybercrime Police registered an FIR against a man who allegedly cheated a 57-year-old woman, a retired resident of CV Raman Nagar, of Rs 3.75 crore.

Police said the victim came across a video on social media between February 25 and April 23 this year, where Sadhguru appeared to promote a trading platform promising high returns. Unaware of deepfake technology, she believed the video to be genuine.

Following the instructions in the clip, she entered her details on a linked site and was soon contacted by a man identifying himself as Waleed B, who claimed to represent a company. He instructed her to download the firm's app and offered trading lessons via Zoom. Another man, Michael C, later joined in as his associate. Trusting them, the victim made multiple transfers, amounting to Rs 3.75 crore. The fraud came to light when she tried to withdraw her investments and failed.

The case is under investigation, with police warning citizens about the growing misuse of deepfake technology. **–BMB**

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Dr or not? Health Ministry flip-flop keeps physiotherapists guessing

Within 24 hours, Union Health Ministry withdrew then restored order allowing physiotherapists use "Dr" prefix, leaving professionals divided, confused, uncertain over regulatory clarity

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In a dramatic turn of events, the Union Health Ministry has triggered controversy and confusion across the medical and allied health sectors by first withdrawing, and then restoring, an order permitting physiotherapists in India to use the professional prefix "Dr" along with the suffix "PT". The rapid backtracking within a span of 24 hours has left both physiotherapists and medical professionals questioning the policy clarity and regulatory direction of the government.

The saga began with an official communication dated September 9, 2025, wherein the Ministry, citing the Competency-Based Curriculum for Physiotherapy (2025) issued by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), permitted physiotherapists to use the title "Dr" alongside "PT" as a suffix. The curriculum explicitly recommended this professional designation, asserting its alignment with international best practices and the evolving scope of physiotherapy in India.

However, the move immediately provoked strong objections from established medical associations, particularly the Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR), which argued that physiotherapists are not medically qualified to be addressed as "Doctor." Objections were grounded in concerns over public confusion, patient safety, and legal precedent, with critics warning that the "Dr" prefix could wrongly suggest that physiotherapists are trained physicians, thereby encouraging unsupervised or inappropriate care.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Use of the "Dr" title by physiotherapists is currently permitted under the latest order from the Health Ministry

Amid the backlash, the Health Ministry issued a second letter dated September 10, abruptly withdrawing the earlier approval and stating that the matter required "further examination and deliberation

Citing multiple court rulings and regulatory advisories—including the Patna High Court (2003), Tamil Nadu Medical Council (2016), Bengaluru Court (2020), and the Madras High Court (2022)—medical bodies insisted the usage of "Dr" by physiotherapists was legally untenable and ethically misleading. They pointed to existing norms that permit such a prefix only for professionals registered to practice modern medicine or those with doctoral degrees in a research context.

Amid the backlash, the Health Ministry issued a second letter dated September 10, abruptly withdrawing the earlier approval and stating that the matter required "further examination and deliberation." The withdrawal was widely interpreted as a retreat in the face of mounting pressure from the medical establishment and was welcomed by those advocating for clearer professional boundaries in healthcare.

But in an unexpected twist, the Ministry reinstated the original September 9 directive shortly thereafter, once again allowing physiotherapists to use the "Dr" prefix and "PT" suffix. The restoration came without any formal public explanation, fueling speculation about behind-the-scenes lobbying and intra-ministerial disagreement.

The rapid policy U-turn has drawn criticism from both sides. While some physiotherapists expressed relief at the restoration, others questioned the lack of transparency and consistency in decision-making. Meanwhile, sections of the medical community have condemned the move as a regulatory compromise, warning of the long-term implications for patient trust and the healthcare ecosystem.

As it stands, the use of the "Dr" title by physiotherapists is currently permitted under the latest order from the Health Ministry, but the matter remains legally and ethically contentious. Experts now call for a formal, consultative process involving all stakeholders to settle the issue conclusively—either through a new regulatory framework or judicial clarification.

No wrongdoing in Mysuru road tree felling: KFD

The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) has clarified to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) that no violations occurred in the felling of 40 trees along Hyder Ali Road in Mysuru for a road widening project, despite objections raised by activist groups.

According to the Department, permission had been granted under Section 8(3) of the Karnataka Trees Preservation Act, 1976, after considering public interest attached to the widening of the busy stretch. "There is no violation in granting permission to the Municipal Corporation from the Deputy Conservator of Forest to cut down 40 trees," stated the report filed by KFD.

The 40 trees felled comprised 38 Peltophorum pterocarpum, one Rain tree, and one Gobbli, spread across 360 meters on both sides of Hyder Ali Road. The felling had sparked a public outcry a few months ago when mature trees were cleared overnight. Environmentalists and residents alleged that there had been no effort to seek public consultation, and activists from Parisara Ulivigagi Kriya Samithi strongly objected to the project.

In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forest announced that the Mysuru Municipal Corporation would provide compensatory afforestation by planting 10 saplings for each tree cut, resulting in 400 saplings.

The State Government, in its submission to the MoEFCC, reiterated that due legal procedure was strictly followed by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mysore Division. Since fewer than 50 trees were involved, inviting public objections was not required under the Act. The Department said the clarification sought to assure the public that urban development and environmental responsibilities were balanced in accordance with established rules. **— BMB**

NIMHANS finds brief interventions cut alcohol harm

Brief Focused Intervention by nurses in emergency departments significantly reduces alcohol-related mild traumatic brain injuries and improves patient recovery and post-discharge outcomes

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A study conducted at NIMHANS, Bengaluru, has revealed that a simple nurse-led Brief Focused Intervention (BFI) in hospital emergency services can significantly improve recovery outcomes for patients with alcohol-related mild traumatic brain injuries (TBI). Road accidents caused by driving under the influence of alcohol remain one of the leading causes of such injuries in India, where victims often arrive at casualty and emergency departments. Although global studies highlight the benefits of early interventions in reducing risky drinking behaviour, research on their effectiveness in India has been limited. Against this backdrop, researchers at NIMHANS carried out a randomised controlled trial to evaluate the impact of nurse-led BFI compared with minimal intervention.

The study, titled "A randomised controlled trial of nurse-led Brief Focused Intervention for patients with alcohol use-related mild traumatic brain injury in the emergency and casualty services of a tertiary hospital," has been published in the Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practice. It was conducted by Rajitha Pavalur and Prasanthi Nattalam (Department of Nursing), Arun Kandasamy (Department of Psychiatry), and Dhaval P Shukla (Department of Neurosurgery).

The trial involved 90 patients who reported to the casualty department with alcohol-related mild head injuries, of whom 73 completed the study – 39 in the nurse-led BFI group and 34 in the minimal intervention group (MIG). Participants were included if they had consumed alcohol within six hours before injury, tested positive on a breath analyser, and had a Glasgow Coma Scale score of 13 or above. They also had to be adults, free of alcohol dependence, willing to consent, and reachable for follow-up. Patients with severe injuries or prior dependence were excluded. "Once patients were stable and able to speak, I approached them to participate," explained lead researcher Rajitha. Eligible participants first underwent the Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT). Those with a score of 8 or above – indicating a pattern of harmful drinking – were recruited.

The BFI group received a 7–10-minute intervention that included a video illustrating alcohol's effect on the brain and body, available in Kannada and Telugu. They were provided clear advice to stop or reduce alcohol use, encouraged to weigh pros and cons, and offered strategies for dealing with high-risk situations.

"Once patients were stable, we sought their consent. They underwent an Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT), and those scoring 8 or more were included for high alcohol use and brief intervention – Rajitha Pavalur, Senior Nursing Officer, NIMHANS

In contrast, the MIG group received a baseline assessment, emergency medical care, minimal advice on quitting alcohol, referral to treatment if necessary, and an educational leaflet about risks and coping. Both groups were followed up for six months after discharge.

The results were striking. The BFI group's average AUDIT score dropped from 12.21 to 5.03, compared to a smaller reduction among the MIG group, from 11.88 to 9.6. According to Rajitha, the context of a head injury often motivates patients to change harmful behaviour, and nurses – who are constantly present in emergency settings – are ideally positioned to deliver such interventions with proper training. While both groups showed an improvement, researchers noted that simply being part of a structured study may itself prompt behaviour change. Still, the BFI method produced a significantly greater reduction in alcohol consumption and related consequences.

The researchers concluded that the nurse-led BFI model, being brief, simple, and highly adaptable, can be integrated into routine emergency services. If adopted widely, it has the potential to reduce alcohol-related injuries, repeat hospital visits, and overall harm connected with risky drinking patterns.

Road rage case: Attempt-to-murder charge against IAF officer dropped

Both parties tell court altercation was limited to verbal exchanges

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IN FOCUS
HIGH COURT

The Karnataka High Court has quashed an attempt-to-murder case registered against Indian Air Force officer Shiladitya Bose, who was embroiled in a road rage altercation with a call centre employee in Bengaluru.

The incident, which took place near Byappanahalli, had gained public attention after a video of the confrontation between Bose and Vikas Kumar SJ went viral on social media. Initially, based on a complaint filed by Bose's wife Madhumita, a squadron leader who was driving the car at the time, the police arrested Kumar under multiple provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

However, after Kumar filed a cross-complaint and CCTV footage was reviewed, the police booked Bose under sections including 109 (attempt to murder) and other related offences. Shortly after the incident, Bose had also uploaded a video alleging that he was assaulted for not speaking Kannada.

Both parties later approached the High Court seeking to quash the proceedings. During the hearing, Kumar clarified that the altercation was limited to verbal exchanges and that he had not sustained any injuries. He also informed the court that he had no objection to ending the case.

Madhumita, wife of the IAF officer, gave a similar statement, acknowledging that the quarrel was verbal in nature, that no injuries were caused, and that she was willing to withdraw her allegations.

Taking note of the affidavits and voluntary statements, the High Court observed that although the charges included a non-compoundable offence under Section 109 of the BNS, continuing the proceedings would serve no purpose since no harm had been caused.

"Continuation of proceedings in such circumstances would serve no fruitful purpose and would amount to an abuse of the process of law," the court remarked. It also noted that since one of the accused was a serving Air Force officer, unnecessary criminal prosecution over a trivial matter would be unjustified.

The court issued a caution: "Both parties are strictly warned not to indulge in such incidents in future."

Third parties can't claim SARFAESI secured assent

The Karnataka High Court has clarified that once a property is classified as a secured asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act), it falls exclusively within the ambit of that law and cannot be subjected to claims by third parties.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj, while ruling on a petition filed by the State Bank of India's Asset Recovery Management Branch, emphasised that anyone claiming an interest in such a property must seek relief under Section 17 of the SARFAESI Act by approaching the Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT). Such claims, the court held, cannot be entertained by magistrates exercising powers under Section 14 of the Act.

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In the city of flowers, even auto rickshaws are sometimes burst at their seams with blooms. A viral post by @WF_Watcher on X says:

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INBRIEF

Woman accuses husband, in-laws of dowry harassment

An FIR has been registered at Jnanabharathi Police station against renowned film director S Narayan after a 30-year-old woman accused her husband Pawan, father-in-law Narayan, and mother-in-law Bhagyavati of harassment, financial exploitation, and dowry demands.

According to the complainant, she married Pawan on February 22, 2021. She alleged that Pawan gifted her a gold ring worth ₹1 lakh during the ceremony but made her bear the wedding expenses, which her father covered. Soon after the marriage, disputes began within the family, and she claimed she was blamed and verbally abused.

The complainant said Pawan, who was unemployed, repeatedly demanded money. She claimed to have given him ₹1 lakh for a car, another ₹75,000 borrowed from her mother, and later mortgaged her mother's gold to fund a film academy launched in her father-in-law's name. After the academy shut down due to losses, she alleged she was pressured again, leading her to take a ₹10 lakh loan. She said she paid EMIs for five months, while Pawan failed to contribute. She alleged that her husband and in-laws then threw her out of the house. -BMB

Man stabbed to death over love dispute

A 24-year-old man was stabbed to death on Wednesday following a quarrel over a past relationship. The accused has been arrested by Tilaknagar police.

Police said the deceased, Kiran, and the accused, Jeevan, were former friends from the same locality. Both, along with a young woman, Divya, worked in the same place. Initially, Divya was in a relationship with Jeevan, but the two separated about seven months ago. Later, she became close to Kiran, and the two started dating.

On Tuesday, Divya posted a selfie with Kiran on social media, announcing that they were planning to get married. The post angered Jeevan, who contacted Divya and demanded that she return a gift he had given her during their relationship.

On Wednesday, Divya arrived in Jayanagar with Kiran to hand over the gift. During the meeting, a heated argument broke out and Jeevan allegedly stabbed Kiran in the chest with a knife. BMB

BESCOM lineman held for burying labourer after electrocution

A case of negligence and cover-up has emerged in Polampalli village, where a 30-year-old BESCOM lineman allegedly forced a daily wage labourer to take up a dangerous repair job that led to his death and then buried the body to escape responsibility.

The incident came to light after Gangaraju, a farmer, filed a missing complaint on Wednesday stating that his younger brother, Anil BA (27) had not returned home since Monday. During investigation, Gundibande police found that Anil was last seen with BESCOM lineman Chandrakumar. When officers attempted to reach him, he avoided contact, raising further suspicion.

After being interrogated, Chandrakumar confessed. According to police, after receiving a complaint, Chandrakumar illegally asked Anil to climb a pole for money. Anil, untrained and unaware of the risk, agreed. He was electrocuted as the lineman had failed to notify the office to disconnect power. -BMB

400-year-old temple idol damaged in BTM Layout

A 400-year-old temple idol at Roopena Agrahara in BTM Layout was found damaged, sparking concern among devotees and locals. The incident, which occurred on Wednesday, came to light on Thursday morning.

Following a complaint, the Mico Layout Police have registered an FIR and launched an investigation into the matter. BJP MLA Sathish Reddy visited the temple premises to take stock of the situation and urged stringent action be taken against those responsible. -BMB

Bus driver beaten up after sexual harassment charge

A case of sexual harassment involving a minor girl has come to light on a private sleeper coach bus travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru. According to reports, a 15-year-old girl, who was travelling with her family, had given her mobile phone to the driver for charging during the journey. When she approached him to collect it, the spare driver, identified as Arif, allegedly demanded a kiss in return for handing over the phone.

The girl resisted and managed to retrieve her device before immediately calling her brother to narrate the ordeal. Upon learning about the incident, her family reacted with anger. As the bus reached Chalukya Circle in Bengaluru, the girl's family members confronted Arif, stripped him, and assaulted him in front of other passengers.

The incident caused panic among the co-passengers and disrupted traffic at the busy junction. -BMB

No separate allocation for drain upkeep, reveals Dy CM

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This shows that nearly 96 percent of identified roads with drains have coverage on both sides, an indicator of the city's attempt to build redundancy into its stormwater system.

Maintenance

Drainage maintenance, Shivakumar said, is carried out by the BBMP's Road Infrastructure Division. "As part of road development works, the responsibility of drain upkeep is included in the contractor's scope. Contractors are mandated to maintain the drains for a period of three years after the project is completed," he stated.

When asked about the expenditure incurred on drain maintenance in the past two years, the Deputy CM clarified that no separate allocation is made exclusively for drain upkeep. Instead, the costs are embedded within the larger road development contracts. This, he said, avoids duplication of budget heads and ensures contractors remain accountable for holistic infrastructure management.

A persistent issue for Bengaluru's stormwater system is encroachment. Shivakumar admitted that drains and adjoining footpaths often face illegal occupation, which worsens flooding during rains. To address this, weekly joint operations are conducted by the Road Infrastructure Division and ward-level officials. These drives specifically target encroached drains and pedestrian pathways, ensuring that water flow is not obstructed and public spaces are reclaimed.

Civic implications

Urban experts point out that the city's 1.45:1 drain-to-road ratio reflects the enormity of the stormwater infrastructure built to keep pace with Bengaluru's rapid urbanisation. However, poor upkeep and rampant encroachment continue to undermine the system. While the numbers suggest a robust framework on paper, the frequent scenes of waterlogging and inundated neighbourhoods during monsoons highlight a mismatch between infrastructure capacity and ground-level realities.

At some spots, branches piled up for months

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Layout said that he had to run pillar to post to get fallen tree branches cleared from the footpath adjacent to Triangular Park near BDA Quarters. "It seems the BBMP Forest Department has no control over the tree cutting teams. The tree cutting team visited the Triangular Park after two months to clear the remnants of a huge tree that had fallen in July. They are yet to clear the stem of the tree," he said.

One can see remnants of tree branches on the footpaths of Chinmaya Mission Hospital Road, Indiranagar. "The tree cutting team cleared tree branches but left the remnants on the spot. The team members promised to clear the remnants in a day or two but did not turn up even after two months," said a businessman on the condition of anonymity.

According to reliable sources, the then BBMP (now the GBA) allocated more than Rs 10 crore to engage tree cutting teams in the city. There are around 30 tree cutting teams which are supposed to work round-the-clock during emergencies.

Deputy Conservator of Forests BLG Swamy told Bangalore Mirror that measures were taken to ensure the tree cutting teams attend tree fall incidents. "Currently, there is no provision to have a crane to remove a large fallen tree. The tree cutting team has to cut it into pieces and transport it to the designated location. As of now, the respective Commissioners of City Corporations have to take a decision on the number of tree cutting teams and the budget," the Deputy Conservator of Forests said.

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FAST & FURIOUS

Can 36-hour fasting work for weight loss without any side effects?

A 25-year-old woman decided to follow a 36-hour intermittent fasting routine to lose excess weight. She weighed 95 kg with a BMI of 34. She thought by following this fasting routine she would lose her weight. After a month she managed to lose 5 kg, but with side effects, she came to experience severe fatigue, poor concentration, bloating, acidity, and disturbance in sleep. Stated by Dr. Richa Chaturvedi, endocrinologist at Indraprashtha Apollo Hospital Delhi.

What is 36-hour fasting?

A 36 hour fast for weight loss means going for one and a half days without consuming any food, but by taking up only water, black coffee, or plain tea in between those one and a half days. For example, after having your dinner on Monday, your next meal will be on Wednesday morning after fully skipping the meals on Tuesday. During this hour your body uses up energy from the food you ate. After 14-16 hours, it starts burning the fat stored for fuel. A 36-hour fast can lead to weight loss because of eating fewer calories and losing some water weight. But it is often suggested to follow the 16:8 fasting method, which is easier and safer than the 36-hour fasting method.

Why does weight loss happen?

When you fast for too long, your body doesn't get energy from food; instead, it uses glycogen, which is a form of carbohydrate stored in your muscle and liver. Glycogen is burned for the use of energy, and the water attached to it also gets flushed out. This makes the weight drop more quickly than usual. As one is fasting, alow calorie intake makes one lose weight easily. Most of the weight loss is from loss of water, not fat loss. True fat loss happens when the regular calorie is in control and by following healthy eating habits.

Side effects

Following fasting for 36 hours with weight loss, it can lead to bloating, acidity, and sleeping issues. After a long day of fasting, your digestive system slows down, and your stomach will struggle to handle a heavy meal after this break from fasting, which will cause gas, fullness, and bloating. Even when you skip those meals, your stomach produces digestive juices (acid) for food. When you fast, this acid will irritate the stomach lining, resulting in acidity and a burning sensation. And fasting for long hours affects the hormones, one of which is the stress hormone; when it becomes high, it will make someone have disturbances in sleeping and relaxing, which leads to poor sleeping quality.

Healthier alternatives to 36-hour fast

One can try a healthy alternative to lose weight instead of 36-hour fasts. Experts suggest a simple yet effective method for fasting, which is the 16:8 intermittent fasting pattern, where you can eat during 8 hours and fast for the remaining 16 hours. Another option is the 5:2 plan, which allows you to eat normally for 5 days of the week and with reduced calorie intake on two nonconsecutive days. Both of these methods are effective, safe, and will make you healthy without causing side effects. This type of fasting might not give results overnight but will protect you from reducing sleep and acidity in your weight loss journey, while pairing it with regular exercise and enough hydration will give results in the long run.

—Roshila Khundom, Femina

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is 36 hour fast safe for everyone?

- **No, it can be risky for people with diabetes, low blood pressure, acidity, sleep problems, or anyone with existing health conditions. Pregnant or breastfeeding women should also avoid it.**

How much weight can you lose in a 36-hour fast?

- **Some people may lose 1–2 kg after a single 36-hour fast, but much of this is water weight. Sustainable fat loss happens only with regular, balanced habits.**

Can a 36 hour fast be done regularly?

- **Doing it frequently can strain digestion, disturb sleep, and cause fatigue. If someone wants to try it, it's safer as an occasional reset, not as a weekly or daily routine.**

What are the safer alternatives to a 36-hour fast?

- **Shorter fasting methods like 16:8 intermittent fasting or the 5:2 plan are easier to maintain. Pairing them with healthy meals, hydration, and exercise is far more effective for long-term weight management.**

What is the best way to break a 36-hour fast?

- **Start with light, easily digestible foods such as fruits, soups, or cooked vegetables. Avoid heavy, oily, or spicy meals immediately, as they may cause bloating and acidity.**

MIRRORLIGHTS

Microplastic exposure may be tied to Alzheimer's disease risk: Study

Exposure to micro- and nano plastics may be linked to the development of Alzheimer's disease, according to a study in mice.

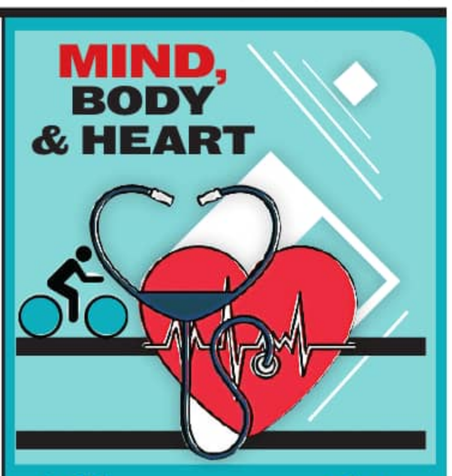
Micro- and nano plastics prevalent in the environment routinely enter the human body through the water we drink, foods we eat, and even the air we breathe.

The study, led by researchers from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, showed that those plastic particles infiltrate all systems of the body, including the brain, where they can accumulate and lead to cognitive decline and even Alzheimer's disease, especially in those who carry genetic risk factors.

The research follows a previous study that showed how microplastics can infiltrate all systems of the body -- including the blood-brain barrier, which protects the brain from harmful substances as small as viruses and bacteria.

The new study, published in the journal Environmental Research Communications, examined mice that had been genetically modified to include the naturally occurring gene APOE4 -- a strong indicator of Alzheimer's risk, making people 3.5 times more likely to develop the disease than those who carry the APOE3 variant of the gene that is passed from parents to offspring.

"There are modifiable factors we're studying related to Alzheimer's–diet, exercise, vitamins, and especially environmental toxins like microplastics. If you carry the APOE4, and you happen to consume a lot of microplastics, will this contribute to Alzheimer's disease?" said pharmacy assistant professor Jaime Ross from the varsity. "In human Alzheimer's patients, men tend to experience more changes in apathy; they care less. Women experience more changes in memory. So the memory and the apathy connection are pretty clear: When you expose animals that are carrying the largest known risk factor in humans for developing Alzheimer's disease to micro- and nanoplastics, lo and behold, their behaviour changes in a sex-dependent manner similar to the sex-dependent differences we see with Alzheimer's patients," Ross said. **— IANS**



All you need to know about...

Antibiotics overuse

Patients' need misjudged

A belief that "patients want antibiotics" could be driving healthcare providers in India to overprescribe antibiotics, and not a motive of profit or lack of education, according to a new study in India.

Misconceptions

However, in a separate experiment, researchers, including those from the University of Southern California in the US, the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and New Delhi-based research institute NEERMAN, also found that patients do not prefer practitioners who prescribe antibiotics.

The findings, published in the journal Science Advances, suggest that a healthcare provider's misconceptions about a patient's preferences may need to be addressed for reducing overuse of antibiotics, especially prevalent in low- and middle-income countries.

Resistance problem

An overuse of antibiotics is a major driver of antimicrobial resistance, in which a bacterium develops over time after repeated exposure to antibiotics designed to kill it.

Study

The study analysed data gathered from making over 2,000 anonymous visits to healthcare providers, in which a patient pretended to seek care for a child's diarrhoea infection.

Interview responses of 2,282 providers -- pharmacists, rural medical practitioners, those with an MBBS degree and traditional medicine practitioners -- operating in 253 towns across Karnataka and Bihar were also evaluated.

Seventy per cent of the providers were found to prescribe antibiotics instead of oral rehydration salts, the recommended correct treatment, without an indication of bacterial infection.

The practitioners assumed that patients would doubt their credibility if they did not order antibiotics, the researchers said, adding that they did not make this choice because of profit or lack of education.

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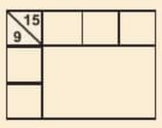
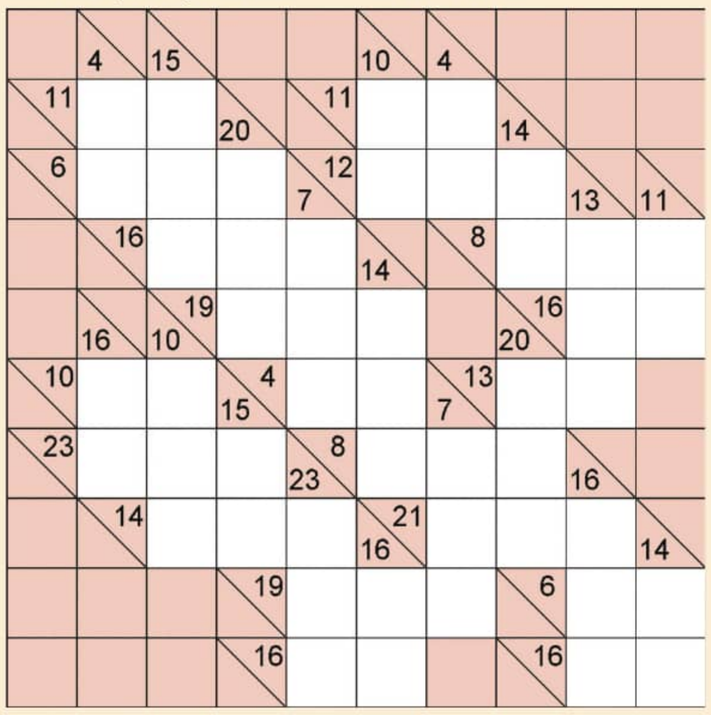
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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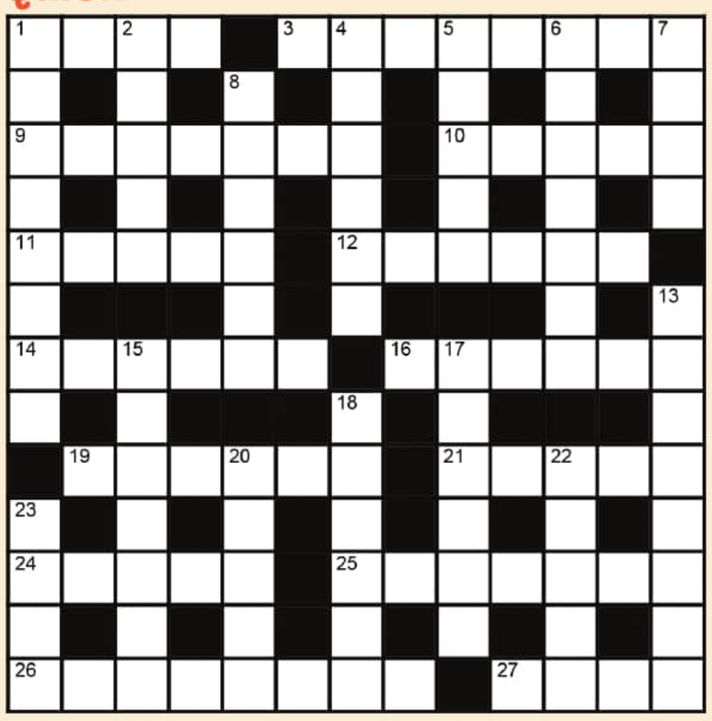


ACROSS

1 Disastrous defeat (4)
3 Field gun (8)
9 Ensconce, nestle or cuddle (7)
10 An abalone? (5)
11 Strongly criticize (5)
12 Gas necessary to cause rusting? (6)
14 Unidirectional (3,3)
16 Hand over or allot (6)
19 Bhagat Singh's title? (6)
21 French composer (5)
24 Karnataka town whose name is associated with South Indian food (5)
25 Playing hooky from the school? (7)
26 Enrol (8)
27 Call to attract attention (4)

DOWN

1 Relaxation area (4-4)
2 Star Trek lieutenant (5)
4 American wildcat (6)
5 Sarcasm or ridicule (5)
6 Central African river (7)
7 Under-cooked (4)
8 ___ Christie: Creator of Hercule Poirot (6)
13 While in the air; on the wing (2,6)
15 Repeating what someone else said? (7)
17 Slender cord (6)
18 Able to be eaten (6)
20 Split ____ : make small and insignificant distinctions? (5)
22 Blots out (5)
23 Feline sound (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS N

IN NIK QNKM TIVOGDIJ AYNR T MDIJCK RNODPK.

Linemaro

You eyes are as bright as energy-saving LED light bulbs, would you light up my life?

Mindchow

We should all start to live before we get too old. Fear is stupid. So are regrets

Joke of the day

Millions long for immortality who don't know what to do on a rainy Sunday afternoon

Loop

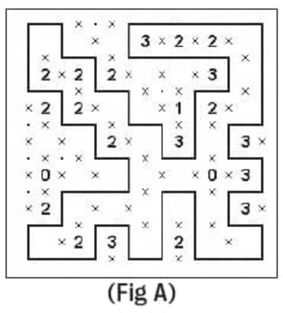
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

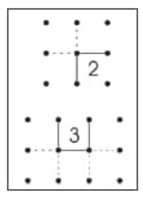
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

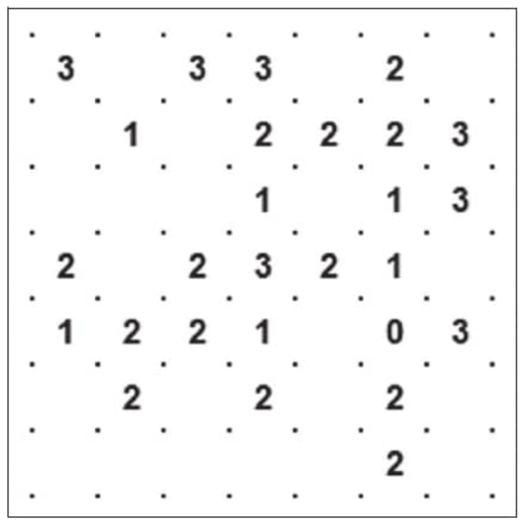
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



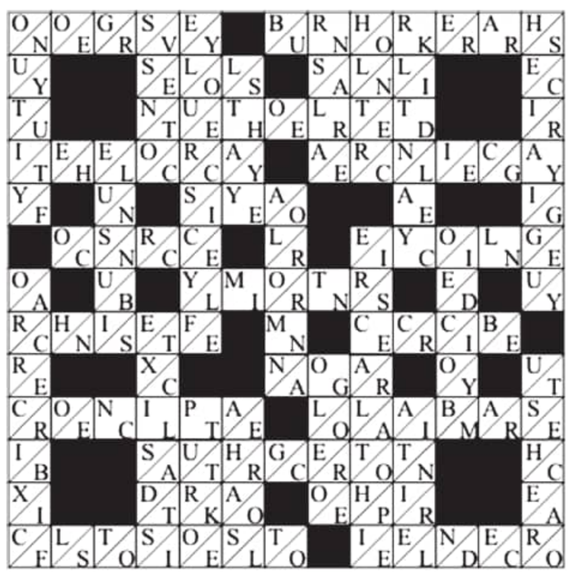
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



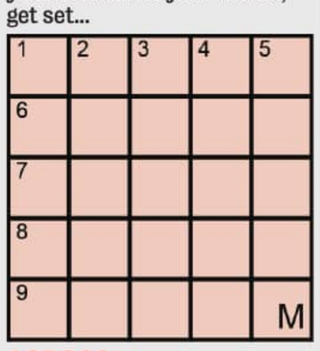
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

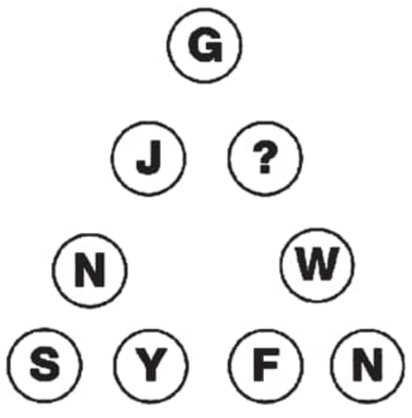
1 Scrip; 6 Realm;
7 A prop; 8 Verne;
9 Mr Goo

DOWN

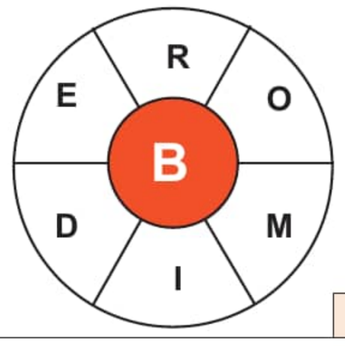
1 Glan C; 2 Parer;
3 Primo; 4 Roves;
5 Re Mop

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; **13** Good; **15** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	7	2	6		4	8	5	
		6	1		5	7		
5								2
3				1				5
			9		8			
6				4				7
4								6
		3	2		1	4		
	8	5	4		7	3	9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8

1 4 4 7

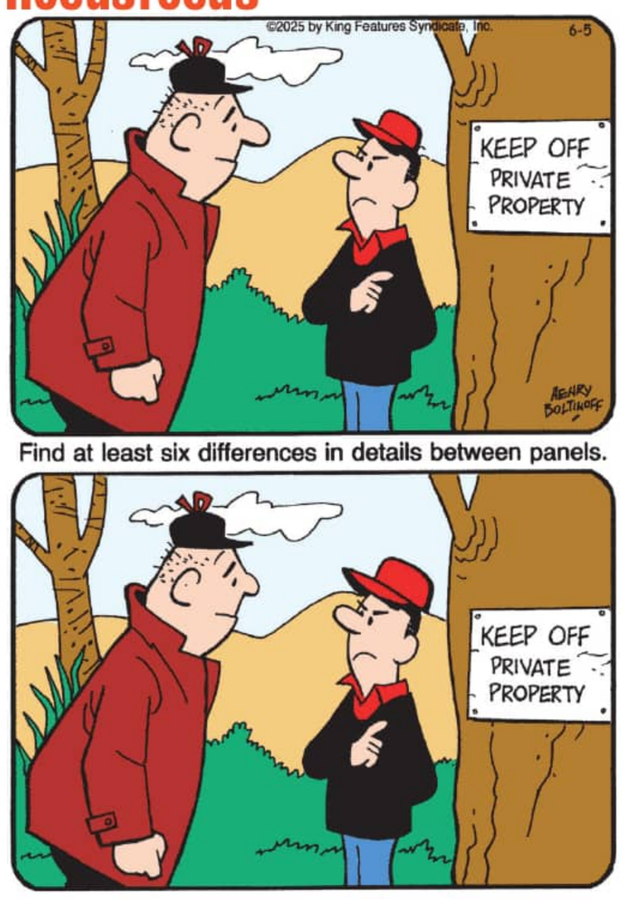
Medium = 1

1 2 6 6

Hard = 9

2 7 8 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

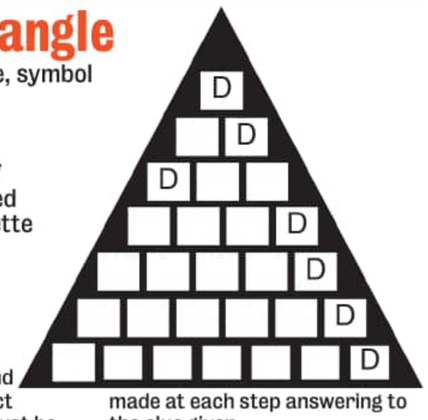
Differences: 1. Finger is moved. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Nose is different. 4. Cap is larger. 5. Sign is lower. 6. Branch is lower.

Riddler

A sharpshooter hangs up his hat, turns around and walks 5000 meters, then turns around and shoots his gun, putting a hole right through his hat. How did he do it?

Alpha triangle

1 Hydrogen isotope, symbol
2 Identity, abbr.
3 Expire
4 Told an untruth
5 Covered the roof
6 Raised or elevated
7 Played the coquette

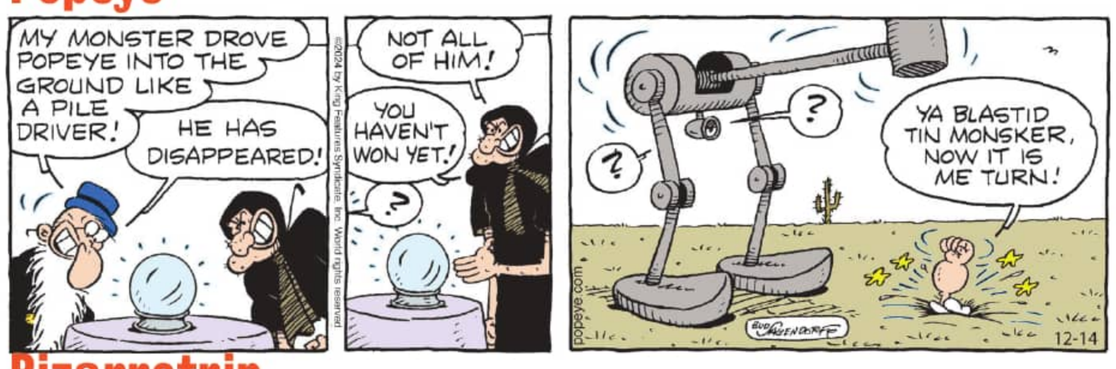


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye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HE HAS DISAPPEARED!
NOT ALL OF HIM!
YOU HAVEN'T WON YET!
YA BLASTID TIN MONSKER, NOW IT IS ME TURN!
12-14

Bizarrotrip

You don't have to come every week. Bring all your documents early next year and I'll do your taxes then.
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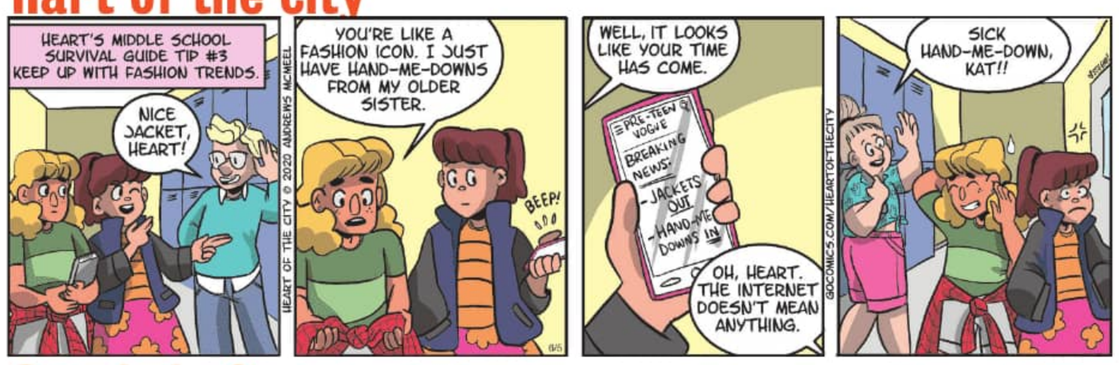
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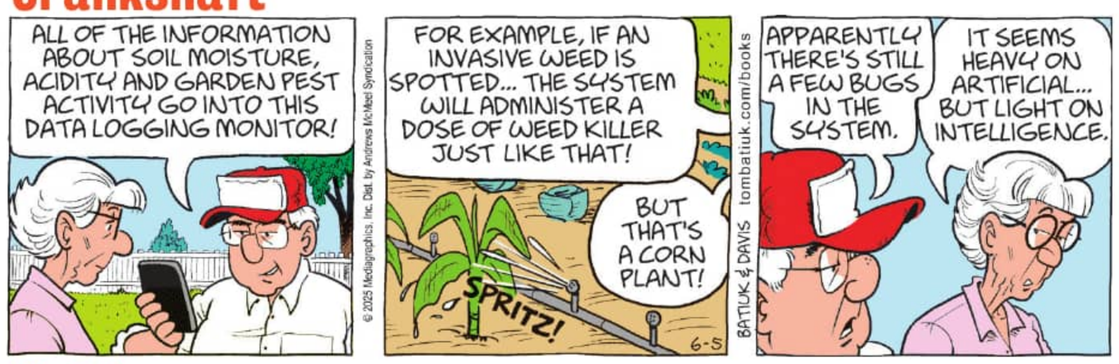
NICE JACKET, HEART!
YOU'RE LIKE A FASHION ICON. I JUST HAVE HAND-ME-DOWNS FROM MY OLDER SISTER.
BEEP!
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR TIME HAS COME.
OH, HEART. THE INTERNET DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
SICK HAND-ME-DOWN, KAT!!

Crankshaft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SPRITZ!
BUT THAT'S A CORN PLANT!
APPARENTLY THERE'S STILL A FEW BUGS IN THE SYSTEM.
IT SEEMS HEAVY ON ARTIFICIAL... BUT LIGHT ON INTELLIGENCE.

Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Dr SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

The year ahead offers dynamic progress. Finances improve through clever investments and consistent saving. Career opportunities grow when you showcase determination. Love blossoms as you express appreciation and affection freely. Luck favors collaborative projects. Tip: Set clear boundaries, protecting your time and energy will ensure greater focus, productivity, and emotional well-being in every endeavor.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Say yes to romance, a spontaneous date promises unforgettable joy. Overcome fatigue by embracing this exciting opportunity. Lean into adventure, knowing love and meaningful connections energize and inspire you in unexpected ways.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Jealousy may surface, but acknowledge it without judgment. Transform these feelings into self-awareness and gratitude. Focusing on your unique path helps you find contentment and strengthens your relationships with trust and understanding.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Celebrate the beauty of routine in love. Everyday gestures and consistent effort strengthen relationships. Appreciate the harmony of simple moments, they're the foundation for lasting happiness and connection with your partner.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Your emotional depth is a gift, embrace it fully. Vulnerability draws people closer, creating meaningful bonds. Honor your sensitivity, letting it guide you toward authentic relationships and experiences that enrich your journey.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Self-reflection reveals the truth about your heart. Remove illusions and confront what you truly want in love. Honest evaluation strengthens your ability to create a fulfilling, emotionally aligned relationship.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Victory is yours, goals are met, boosting confidence. Celebrate these achievements with loved ones, deepening emotional connections. Let this success motivate you to pursue even greater dreams with enthusiasm and joy.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Challenges arise but don't define you. Focus on the love surrounding you, its strength offers comfort and healing. Stay grounded in gratitude, finding hope and optimism despite temporary setbacks in life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Your mind feels crowded, seek help from those who care. Collaboration brings clarity and relief. Accepting support fosters humility, transforming overwhelming thoughts into actionable, empowering solutions for growth and peace.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Success may feel bittersweet when others are affected. Accept this truth with compassion. Embrace gratitude for your blessings and keep striving, knowing your path ultimately benefits both you and those around you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Patience brings clarity in complex situations. Step back and observe rather than reacting. Thoughtful responses ensure better outcomes, allowing you to navigate challenges with wisdom and emotional maturity.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Balance your intellect with humility. Openness to others' ideas strengthens your connections and expands opportunities in love and collaboration. Approachable energy invites new possibilities for meaningful, lasting relationships.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

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= 2 x 5÷2/2/4÷2/2 ÷ 5÷2/2/8÷2/2
= 2 x 5/4 ÷ 5/8
= 5/2 ÷ 5/8
= 5/2 × 8/5 = 4

RIDDLER

He hung the hat up on his gun.

QUOTE UNCODE

No one does anything from a single motive.

FAST FIVE

G	R	O	O	M
N	E	R	V	E
A	P	P	R	O
L	A	M	E	R
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STRIKE OUT

N	E	R	V	Y	B	R	O	K	E	R	S			
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MENSA PUZZLE

G. Start at the top of the triangle and move anti-clockwise around it. Letters move through the alphabet in steps of 3, 4, 5, 6 etc.

BULL'S EYE

bide, bier, bird, bode, bore, bored, bred, bride, brie, brim, BROMIDE, imbed, morbid, robe, robed

SUDOKU

2	8	5	4	6	7	3	9	1
9	6	3	2	5	1	4	7	8
4	1	7	3	8	9	5	2	6
6	9	8	5	4	2	1	3	7
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8	3	6	1	2	5	7	4	9
1	7	2	6	9	4	8	5	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE

D, Id, Die, Lied, Tiled, Lifted, Flirted.

GO FIGURE

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Medium
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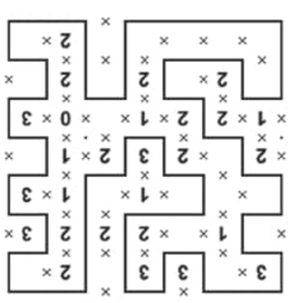

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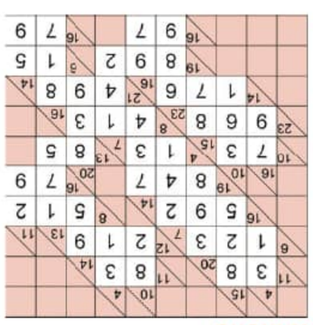

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No sequel please — : Actor Kirsten Dunst shared that she is not interested in a further reboot of her popular teen comedy film, 'Bring It On', says "leave good things where they are"

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Reel royalty

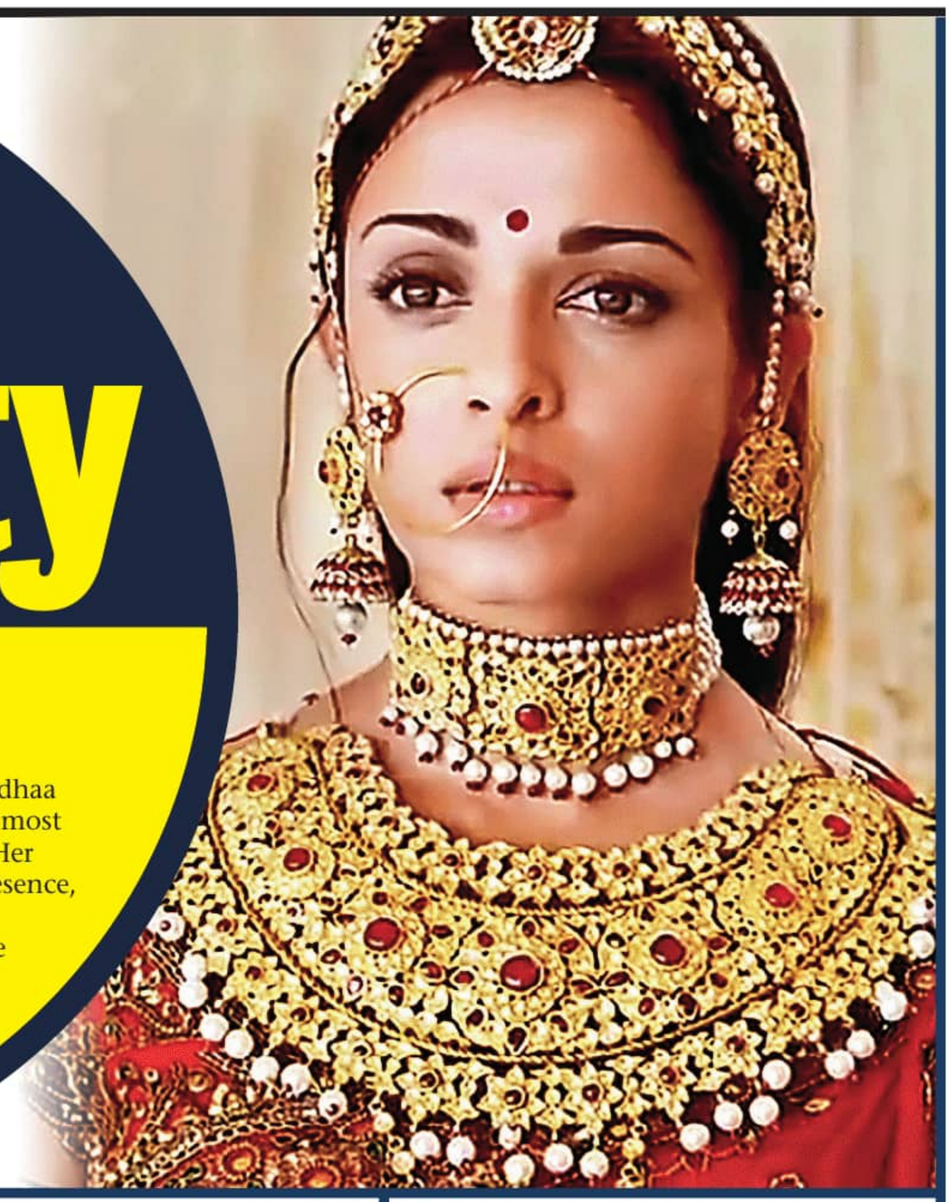
When regal queens were brought to life on the silver screen

Kriti Sanon – Panipat

Kriti Sanon as Parvati Bai added softness, elegance, and quiet strength to the character. The blend of traditional Marathi attire and the modern-day minimalistic but elegant styling, as well as the emotional depth, allowed a queen supporting her warrior husband in the middle of distress to be depicted subtly but effectively.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan – Jodhaa Akbars

Aishwarya's interpretation of Jodhaa Bai remains one of Bollywood's most unforgettable royal characters. Her queenly poise, robust screen presence, and exquisite traditional looks made her the ideal female figure for a queen. How she expertly manifested pride, love, and quiet power became the heart and soul of the film.

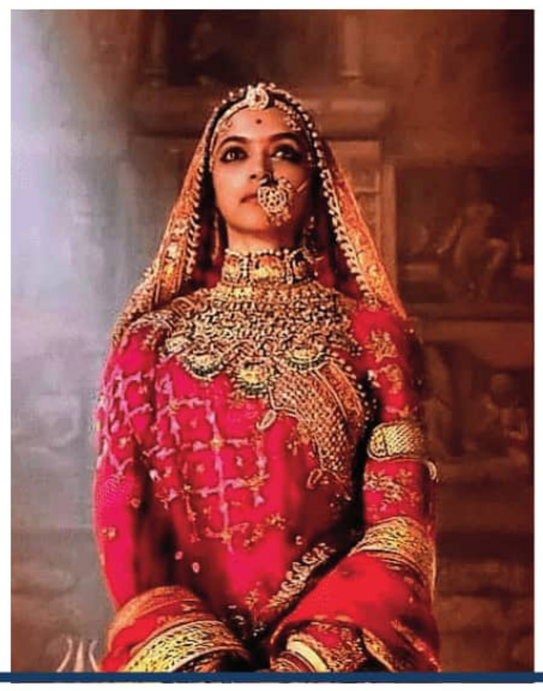


Kangana Ranaut – Manikarnika

Kangana gave a strong and dynamic performance as Rani Laxmibai, capturing both the warrior nature and human attributes of the legendary queen. Kangana's battle sequences, fiery dialogues, and intense expressions marked some of the best performances of her career!

Deepika Padukone – Padmaavat

Deepika's portrayal of Rani Padmavati was cinematic history. The poise, eye-breaking, and fearless dignity made the film epic. Deepika's Padmavati embodied unrivaled beauty, strength, and what might be the most iconic effort from any actress to play a queen on screen.



Priyanka Chopra – Bajirao Mastani

Priyanka Chopra brought to life Kashibai's quiet strength as a woman scorned by love, betrayal, and loss. Her royal Marathi look, sophisticated body

language, and nuanced performance were brilliant—even though she was beside larger-than-life characters.

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Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Novel into film

Rashmi S aka Sai Rashmi is directing Suli, a movie based on the Tamil novel Pavalayi published in 1970. The movie's trailer and soundtrack were unveiled at Renukamba Preview Theater on Tuesday. Former minister and writer Lalitha Naik, senior actress Bhavya and actor-cum-director Suchendra Prasad were present on the occasion.

Betteswamy Gowda has bankrolled the movie under the Sahasrakoti Movie Entertainment banner. The movie features Sanath, Chaitra Sakel, Sanjana Naidu, Shivakumar Aradhya, Sowbhagya, Siddhu Mandya, Shankara Narayana, and Betteswamy Gowda.

At the event, Naik congratulated director Rashmi for selecting a woman-oriented script. "I wish Rashmi becomes a role model for women directors in Sandalwood," she said.

Actor-cum-director Suchendra Prasad said that it is not easy to direct a movie based on a popular novel. "I wish more and more Kannada movies are made based on novels," he said.

Thanking the guests, Rashmi said the movie is set in the 1980s.

"Suli begins with the announcement of the Kannada movie Sakshatkara in which Dr Rajkumar played the lead. Suli will showcase a woman's inner feelings and social values. Its shooting was held in the backdrop of rural areas in Mandya," the director said.

Lilting tune

Director Tarun Sudhir and his better half Sonal Monteiro unveiled a music video – Shubhashaya – at a hotel in the city on Wednesday. Nagarjuna Sharma, a well-known lyricist, has directed this song that is about a painter conveying best wishes to his girl friend who is getting married to another person. Pruthvi Ambaar plays the painter while Anjali Aneesh is paired opposite him.

Congratulating lyricist-cum-director Nagarjuna Sharma, Tarun Sudhir said Shubhashaya has turned out good. "Music lovers accept, encourage and support all songs that are good in quality. Well-known and established Bollywood actors act in album songs. Now, Pruthvi Ambaar and Anjali Aneesh have introduced the trend in the South. Music is lilting and the quality of each frame is a testimony for the director's hard work. It is a good attempt," he said.

Sonal Monteiro said each frame of the song is like a painting. "The cinematographer has done a fantastic job. I congratulate choreographer Muruga Master an excellent job. Pruthvi Ambaar and I are best friends. I played the heroine in his maiden movie. Anjali Aneesh looks beautiful in the music video," she said.